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EXPAND RAILROAD TRAFFIC

INTRODUCE NEW COAL-DUST LOCOMOTIVE -- Weimar, Das Volk, 8 Feb 51

A compound, three-cylinder, superheated-steam, coal-dust-fired locomotive was exhibited at the Leipzig Spring Fair by VVB LOWA (People-Owned Locomotive and Railroad-Car Works).

The locomotive is equipped with a forced-draft boiler which burns coal dust, and has a condensation tender. At a steam pressure of 42 atmospheres, it develops 2,900-horsepower capacity, and its maximum speed is 100 kiloreters.

Prague, Svobodne Slovo, 16 Mar 51

The New streamlined locomotive weighs 207 tons. Its height is 4.6 meters, which complies with clearance limits.

DEVELOP NEW RAILROAD CARS - Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 31 Jan 51

A number of new railroad-car models are to be brought out in 1951 by the Central Developing Bureau of the people-owned Locomotive and Car Shops, for mass production in 1952.

Freight cars with a capacity of 40-50 tons, coal-dust cars, coal-dump cars, coal-hauling cars, and tank cars are under construction. Large coaches for commuter service and double-decker cars are to serve passenger traffic. Lightweight diesel cars for high-speed traffic, buses operating on 90- and 120-kilowatt power consumption, and rapid-transit streetcars for intraurban traffic are being developed.

The Railroad-Construction Shops of the German Democratic Republic have exceeded 1938 production figures.

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RAILROAD INCREASES FREIGHT HAULING -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 25 Mar 51

A record number of heavy freight trains was operated by the Berlin Reichsbahn Directorate on 22 March 1951. In the course of 24 hours, 42 trains were operated with an overload of 28 percent, a saving of ten locomotives with an average consumption of 70 tons of coal. This achievement was exceeded on 23 and 24 March 1951, when 49 and 50 heavy freight trains, respectively, with a load increase of 25 percent were operated in less than the time allotted for these runs.

EXCEED TARGET FOR FREIGHT TONNAGE -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 25 Mar 51

During February, the workers of the Nordhausen railroad sector operated 224 heavy freight trains with an overload of 66,000 tons. The target for this period called for operation of 150 heavy freight trains with an overload of approximately 50,000 tons.

OPERATE RUBBLE-REMOVAL LINE -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 28 Mar 51

On 1 April 1951, a double-track rubble-removal line will be inaugurated in Berlin. The tracks run from the Voltaire Strasse railroad station to the dumping grounds in Friedrichsfelde. Twenty-five trains will be operated on each of the tracks, and 1,800 cubic meters of debris will be moved daily. The rails were laid flush with the street surface, so as not to interfere with traffic.

BUILD STREETCARS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 24 Feb 51

The first streetcars and streetcar trailers, built by the LOWA (Locomotive and Car-Building Plant) in Werdau, have been put into operation in Leipzig and Potsdam.

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